

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Xia et al.
Application No. : 10/812,543
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Title : ZINC PRESERVATIVE COMPOSITION AND METHOD OF USE
Group/Art Unit : 1612
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Docket No. : P03459

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 20, 2008, the Examiner required restriction between groups of inventions: Claims 1, 6-8, 13, and 25-27 (Group I); and Claims 29, 35-37, and 40-44 (Group II). Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II for further examination without traverse. Accordingly, Claims 1, 6-8, 13, and 25-27 directed to the invention of Group I are withdrawn.

With respect to the Examiner's request for an election of species as to claims 13 and 43, Applicants elect non-steroidal and steroid anti-inflammatories.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications at an appropriate future time. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing election.

Respectfully submitted,


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